

Chapter 10.20**SPEED REGULATIONS****Sections:**

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Section 10.20.010 State speed laws applicable.

The State traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles shall be applicable upon all streets within this City, except as this Title, as authorized by State law, hereby declares and determines upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigation that certain speed regulations shall be applicable upon specified streets or in certain areas, in which event it is unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of any speed so declared in this title when signs are in place giving notice thereof. (Ord. 2940 § 5.1, 1961)

Section 10.20.020 Increasing State speed limits in certain zones.

It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by State law upon certain of those streets or portions thereof described in Section 10.76.010 is less than is necessary for safe operation of vehicles thereon by reason of the designation and signposting of said streets as through highways, or by reason of widely spaced intersections, and it is hereby declared that the prima facie speed limit, upon those streets or portions thereof described in Section 10.76.010 shall be as therein stated, which speeds so declared shall be effective when signs are erected giving notice thereof. (Ord. 2940 § 5.2, 1961)

Section 10.20.030 Decrease of State law maximum speed.

It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by State law outside of business and residence districts as applicable upon certain of those streets or portions thereof described in Section 10.76.010 is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such streets and it is hereby declared that the prima facie speed limit upon those streets or portions thereof described in Section 10.76.010 shall be as therein stated, which speeds so declared shall be effective when signs are erected giving notice thereof. (Ord. 2940 § 5.3, 1961)

Section 10.20.035 Use of photo radar.

A. Authority. Every police officer and those non-sworn employees of the Riverside Police Department charged with the enforcement of traffic and parking laws within this City shall have the authority to use a device known as a photo radar unit. A photo radar unit detects, photographs, and records information on every vehicle that passes a particular roadway location while exceeding a certain speed limit.

B. Procedure. If any vehicle has been detected as having violated the restrictions of Sections 22348 through 22414 of the California Vehicle Code, the license plate number which appears on the photograph which is taken by the photo radar unit will be used to trace the

registered owner of the vehicle through the Department of Motor Vehicles. The registered owner will then be sent by regular first class mail within ten days from the date of the offense, a citation and fine/bail schedule. The rules and procedures of traffic court will then apply.

C. Presumption. Proof of the identity of the person in whose name the vehicle is registered pursuant to the provisions under the Vehicle Code will be sufficient evidence that the person was responsible for the violation, unless probative contrary evidence exists and the Judge or Commissioner is so persuaded.

D. Defenses. Nothing in this section shall limit the defenses to or evidence otherwise probative and admissible concerning the violation or responsibility.

E. Duty to Inform. The registered owner of the vehicle, if found not the person responsible for the violation, shall at the request of the court or prosecutor, identify the person responsible for the violation if known at the time. (Ord. 6098 § 1, 1993; Ord. 5913 § 1, 1991)

Section 10.20.040 Regulation of speed by traffic signals.

The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to regulate the timing of traffic signals so as to permit the movement of traffic in an orderly and safe manner at speeds slightly at variance from the speeds otherwise applicable within the district or at intersections. (Ord. 2940 § 5.4, 1961)